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<p>REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL</p> <p><small>Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995. See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).</small></p>

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Group Art Unit	2682
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) (PTL/38/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which reinstated RCE practice.

<p>1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114</p> <p>a. <input type="checkbox"/> Previously submitted</p> <p> i. <input type="checkbox"/> Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on</p> <p> ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on</p> <p> iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Other</p> <p>b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enclosed</p> <p> i. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendment/Reply</p> <p> ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)</p> <p> iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)</p> <p> iv. <input type="checkbox"/> Other</p>	
<p>2. Miscellaneous</p> <p>a. <input type="checkbox"/> Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(l) required)</p> <p>b. <input type="checkbox"/> Other</p>	
<p>3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 which the RCE is filed.</p> <p>a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 17-0026</p> <p> i. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) in the amount of \$ 70.00</p> <p> ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Request for Extension of time (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.117) in the amount of _____</p> <p> iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Other</p> <p>b. <input type="checkbox"/> Check in the amount of \$ _____ enclosed</p> <p>c. <input type="checkbox"/> Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)</p>	

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